2670. [*Transfered to the 26th March, 1992*].

Civic Amenities in Slums of Bombay

2671. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a request from Government of Maharashtra for issuing no objection certificate for providing civic amenities to slums on Central Government Land in Bombay; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and decision taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Maharashtra has asked for issuance of no objection certificates for providing civic amenities in 113 slums situated on Central Government lands in Greater Bombay. The present policy of the Central Government is that the State Government may provide at its own cost basic amenities on Central Government lands excluding slums at either side of the runway at Bombay airport which cause bird menace, hutments within 30 ft. of the railway tracks, Defence lands where vital installations are to be located and lands which are not required by the land owning departments for their immediate use after securing a no objection certificate from the concerned Central departments. On the basis of the aforementioned policy, the decison regarding the issuance of a no objection certificates is to be taken by each of the Central Departments concerned.

Maintenance of Parks in Connaught Place by New Delhi Municipal Committee

2672. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reports which appeared in some columns of Press on 26th February, 1992 indicating that New Delhi Municipal Committee has been neglecting maintenance of Central Park in Connaught Place;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to ask New Delhi Municipal Committee to take effective steps to ensure that maintenance of Central Park in Connaught Place is not neglected henceforth; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and it not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Statement is enclosed. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The N.D.M.C. has already initiated steps for the maintenance of the Central Park in Connaught Place. Details are as per enclosed statement-II.

Statement-I

The salient points mentioned in press report under reference ars as under:—

1. The condition of the Central Park, Connaught Place is eyesore in the form of large bald patches of ground in between green grass, dead leaflets trees, unkempt hedges and shrubberies.

2. Hardly a few flowers can be seen in the entire sprawling park. The flower beds skirting the footpaths and on outer margin of the park present a pathetic sight with only dry earth and no plants in them.

3. Last year 21 experts and environmentalists had recommended, *interalia*, greelling of inner circle by planting useful and health providing trees like Jamun, ber, neem and ashok instead of usual landscaping gimmickry of grass mounds and concrete planters. They had also